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a penetrating element on the first plate;

a second plate; and

a hole on the second plate arranged to receive the penetrating element when the plates are brought together to fasten a pair of leaflets therebetween.

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## **MARKED-UP CLAIM**

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